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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Executive Office

Columbia

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, it appearing that the United Nations' "Standard Minimum Rules on the Treatment of Prisoners" represent criteria of humanitarian goals in the correctional systems of the world; and

WHEREAS, it appearing that the said Rules would be beneficial in the comprehensive development of an adult correctional system in the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, it appearing that the South Carolina Department of Corrections presently complies with the spirit of the Rules and with few exceptions conforms with or exceeds the specifics therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State and in order that the best interest of the State of South Carolina and its citizens be served, I hereby Order and Direct:

1. That the United Nations' "Standard Minimum Rules on the Treatment of Prisoners" as they may be applicable to an adult correctional system for sentenced offenders are adopted by the State of South Carolina and are made a part hereof by reference;

2. That the Director of the Department of Corrections is charged with the responsibility of assuring continued compliance where the Department presently meets or exceeds the requirements of the said Rules;

3. That the Director of the Department of Corrections is charged with the responsibility of implementing and enforcing those portions of the said Rules in which there is presently non-compliance, provided that such Rules do not conflict with the Constitution and laws of this State.

Given under my hand and
the Great Seal of the State
of South Carolina at Columbia,
South Carolina, this fourteenth
day of November, in the year
of our Lord One Thousand Nine
Hundred and Seventy-four.



John C. West
Governor of South Carolina

ATTEST:



O. Frank Thornton
Secretary of State